

GEORGIA GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION COALITION

2003 COST-SHARE & DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION

Providing technical and financial support for the management of grazing lands

Project and Application Guidelines – Follow these guidelines and instructions carefully to insure that your application will be considered. Failure to do so will result in your application being returned to you in its entirety.

Time frame and Funding – Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2003. Mail completed applications with all required signatures and supporting documents to: Holli Kuykendall, GGLCC Recording Secretary, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Stop 207, Athens, GA 30601.

- 1.) Selections will be made by a panel of GGLCC members, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and University of Georgia specialists, and other qualified professionals by August 1, 2003 – selected and unselected participants will be notified of their status in writing as soon thereafter as practical.
- 2.) Selected participants will have from August 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005, to complete their practice implementation plans. Substantial implementation is expected the first year and a progress report on the extent of practice completion must be submitted by August 1, 2004 if there have been no reimbursements made as of that date. NO extensions past the December 31, 2005 date will be given. ALL practices must be completed by December 31, 2005.
- 3.) Cost-share is limited to \$10,000 per applicant/operation. Practices will be cost-shared on a 50:50 basis according to the flat-rate cost agreed to by the selected applicants, and their local Extension Service and NRCS representatives; and will be for the units of the practices planned and applied as contained in writing in the practice implementation plan. Practice implementation plans will be written and signed after the selection process.

Project Goals – The GGLCC goals for offering cost-share assistance for practice demonstration are 1) Increasing economic value of grasslands, 2) Promoting efficient use of grazing lands, and 3) Conserving soil and water quality. Based on these goals, the major project areas for the 2003 project are Conservation – a) nutrient management, b) water quality, and c) soil conservation; and Production – a) forage management, b) forage establishment and species or variety conversion, c) forage harvest and storage, and d) livestock management.

Application Instructions and Eligibility –

- 1.) Below, clearly print or type your name, address, county, telephone number, and email address. Circle one project area related to Conservation and one project area related to Production to indicate your primary goals for participating in the cost-share project. Complete and submit all three pages of this application form.
- 2.) Write and submit with your application a narrative summary (2-page maximum) of your cost-share project goals and needs, relating your comments to the Conservation and Production areas you circle. Photos, maps, cost-estimates or other supporting comments or documents, if submitted, must be included in the 2-page maximum summary that will be accepted. Applications submitted with more than 2-pages of narrative comments, maps, photos, etc. will be promptly returned to the applicant. Use one inch page margins and if using a word processor, use at least a 12 point font.
- 3.) Provide comments that support your goals and document the need for the practices you are requesting. The history of your farm, while interesting, may not be useful during the selection process. Use your space wisely to convey your individual farm goals and needs.
- 4.) Complete the 2-page Master Cattleman Economic Summary form in its entirety and submit it with your application and narrative summary. Use a preceding 12-month period of January 1 to December 31, 2002; or other more recent or appropriate 12-month period for your operation. Pay close attention to the specific information that is requested.
- 5.) The Cooperative Extension Service (CES) and NRCS are available to assist you throughout the entire application process. Your local CES County Agent and NRCS Conservationist must sign off on your application for the application to be considered.
- 6.) Applicants must be livestock and/or forage producers. Other groups may be cooperating with the applicant in the application process and future implementation of the requested practices, however, the actual applicant must be a producer, and the practices that will be applied must be done so on property under the control of the producer.

Conservation (circle one topic below)			Production (circle one topic below)			
Nutrient Management	Water Quality	Soil Conservation	Forage Management	Forage Establishment &/or Conversion	Forage Harvest &/or Storage	Livestock Management
Name						
Address						
City, State, Zip Code						
County						
Area code & telephone no.			Email address			

Applicant's Name

LAND USE AND LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

Type of operation – I consider my operation to be a (e.g. cow-calf, stocker, dairy, horses, goats, etc.)

Type	Acres	Type	Number
Cropland		Cows	
Hayland		Calves	
Pasture		Replacement heifers	
Woodland		Bulls	
Wetlands		Stockers	
Farm ponds or lakes		Cattle total	
	Feet	Horses	
Streams		Hogs	
		Poultry	
		Other (specify)	

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Calving percentage (estimate, if needed)	
Average age & weight of calves at weaning or sale (specify)	
Average daily gain of stockers	

GENERAL QUESTIONS (CHECK BLOCK AS APPROPRIATE)	YES	NO
1. Do you grow your own hay?		
2. Do you use protein supplements?		
3. Do you use mineral supplements (other than salt)?		
4. Have you ever had your hay tested for quality?		
5. Do you soil test regularly (at least once every 24 months)?		
6. Do you maintain bulls away from cows except for a 90 day (or less) breeding season?		
7. Do you have working facilities, pens, and head catches?		
8. Do you raise your own replacement heifers?		
9. Do you use streams, farm ponds, or wetlands to water your livestock? (list all that apply)		
10. Which of the following are routine practices for your calves?		
castrate		
dehorn		
implant		
vaccinate		
deworm		
11. Which of the following are routine practices for your cows?		
identify		
vaccinate		
deworm		
pregnancy check		

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Applicant's Name	
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GENERAL QUESTIONS, CONTINUED (CHECK BLOCK(S) AS APPROPRIATE)	YES	NO
12. How do you feed your hay?		
bale placed on the ground		
bale placed on drained surface (<i>gravel, rock, etc.</i>)		
bale placed within hay rings/racks or other structures		
bale unrolled across pasture		
other (<i>specify</i>)		
13. How do you store your hay?		
on the ground with no cover		
off the ground on pallets, gravel, or other method		
wrapped, under tarps, or other cover method		
in a barn		
other (<i>specify</i>)		
14. What was the source of your bull(s)? (<i>e.g. sale barn, raised your own, purebred breeder, purebred sale, other (specify)</i>)		

Attach your narrative summary (2-page maximum - includes comments, photos, maps, cost estimates, etc.) and the 2-page Master Cattleman Economic Summary to this application. Sign and date the application below. To apply for cost-share assistance you must also obtain the signatures of your local Cooperative Extension Service County Agent and Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservationist. Present the entire application, including the narrative and economic summaries, to them for their signatures. Applications not in compliance with the criteria described in this application will not be considered. Such applications will be promptly returned to the applicant.

I understand that my local County Agent and/or NRCS Conservationist may request the use of my operation and the practices cost-shared as part of a field day, field tour, or printed article to help educate others, and that if such a request is made, all planning for the activity would be based on dates and times convenient for me.

Applicant	Date

County Extension Agent	Date

NRCS Conservationist	Date

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Remember to complete and insert here your farm-specific 2-page narrative summarizing your goals, farm needs, and requested practices, relating how these practices would meet your goals and the project areas you indicated on the questionnaire portion of the application. The narrative summary is limited to a maximum of 2-pages, no exceptions. If you are submitting photos, cost estimates, farm maps, etc., these should be included in the 2-page maximum. Use one inch page margins and if using a word processor, use at least a 12 point font.

COW-CALF ECONOMIC SUMMARY

AS USED BY 'THE MASTER CATTLEMEN PROGRAM'

Cost for Past Calving Year
12 Month Period From _____ To _____

NAME			
COUNTY			
PRODUCTION SUMMARY			
Average number of brood cows		Hd.	
Average weight of brood cows		Lbs./Hd.	
Average market value of brood cows		\$/Hd.	
Average number of bulls		Hd.	
Average weight of bulls		Lbs./Hd.	
Average market value of bulls		\$/Hd.	
Number of male calves weaned		Hd.	
Average weaning weight of male calves		Lbs./Hd.	
Average market value of male calves weaned		\$/Cwt.	
Number of female calves weaned		Hd.	
Average weaning weight of female calves		Lbs./Hd.	
Average market value of female calves weaned		\$/Cwt.	
Total number of acres used in cow-calf operation		Acres	
CASH COST SUMMARY			
PASTURE COST			
Acres of permanent pasture		Acres	
Acres of temporary pasture		Acres	
Total pasture fertilizer cost		\$	
Other cost such as fuel used in pasture clipping, herbicides, etc.		\$	
HAY COST			
Acres of hay produced		Acres	
Tons of hay produced		Tons	
Tons of hay purchased		Tons	
Amount of hay fed		Tons	

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Average market value of hay fed (what you think you could have sold the hay for and/or what you paid if hay was purchased)	\$/Ton
Hay Production Cost If Produced	
Fertilizer	\$
Baling cost (fuel, twine, etc.)	\$
Hired labor (amount attributed to hay only)	\$
Other cost (herbicides, etc.)	\$
OTHER PRODUCTION COST	
Other supplemental feed	\$
Minerals	\$
Veterinary and medicine	\$
Repairs and maintenance	\$
Hired labor (other than attributed to hay production)	\$
Marketing, trucking, etc.	\$
Other (specify)	\$
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BASIS FOR OTHER FIXED COST	
Average market value of equipment used in cow-calf operation other than hay equipment	\$
Average market value of equipment used in hay production	\$
Estimated hours of unpaid family labor devoted to the cow-calf operation during the 12-month period	Hours
Hours of paid/hired labor devoted to the cow-calf operation during the 12-month period	Hours
NOTE: The information collected is strictly confidential unless otherwise released in writing by the participant. It will be used to calculate cost of production information for GGLCC cost-share participants. Master Cattlemen average production cost, as well as high and low cost, will be reported for comparison purposes, but individuals will not be identified.	

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